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For: GAS-FILLED SPRING FOR A VEHICLE,  
SUCH AS A MOTOR CYCLE, AND VALVE  
FOR SUCH A GAS-FILLED SPRING

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A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed.

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